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Expressing the Sense of the Congress that the Federal Government should
not create a national database tracking firearm owners or firearm purchases.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REHBERG submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the Sense of the Congress that the Federal Gov-
ernment should not create a national database tracking
firearm owners or firearm purchases.

Whereas the constitutional right to keep and bear arms con-
ferred by the Second Amendment is essential to the de-
fense of our Nation, the maintenance of liberty, and the
suppression of tyranny;

Whereas the Supreme Court ruled, in District of Columbia v.
Heller, that the Second Amendment protects an indi-
vidual right to possess a firearm for traditionally lawful
purposes such as self-defense and the defense of others;

Whereas infringement of the right to keep and bear arms
would place individual citizens and the Nation as a whole
at the mercy of threats both foreign and domestic;

Whereas George Washington, America's original commander-in-chief and President of the United States, stated "Firearms stand next in importance to the constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence . . . the very atmosphere of firearms anywhere restrains evil interference—they deserve a place of honor with all that's good."; and

Whereas law-abiding citizens have a constitutional right to keep and bear arms free from harassment and intimidation: Now, therefore, be it

1   *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2   *concurring),* That it is the sense of the Congress that the
3   Federal Government should not create a national database
4   for the purpose of tracking firearm owners or firearm pur-
5   chases, as affirmed by section 926(a) of title 18, United
6   States Code, as enacted by the Congress in Firearm Own-
7   ers Protection Act of 1986.

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